

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the text specifically located from page 11, line 26, through page 12, line 4 of the specification, which describes Figure 3, with the following:

Fig. 3 shows RT-PCR analysis of the novel TCRC β 2 cDNA including an in-frame intronic J sequence designated J^{int}J-C β 2, obtained from MBA-13 mesenchymal cell line and fetal primary cell cultures. The cDNA was obtained from total RNA extracted from mouse embryonic fibroblast and different MBA-13 cell strains (1-3). RT-PCR was performed using the following sense pairs:

exonic J β 2.6: 5'-CTATGAACAGTACTTCGGTC-3' [SEQ ID NO:69]; or

intronic J β 2.6: 5'-ATGGGAGAATACCTCGCTG-3' [SEQ ID NO:70]; or

5 -CCCTAAATGGGAGAATACC [SEQ ID NO:71]; and

antisense primer C β 3: 5'-CATCCTATCATCAGGGGGTTCTGTCTGCAA-3' [SEQ ID NO:72]. Products of 465 bp and 524 bp were produced, respectively.